

COMBINED PETITION, DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names,

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled CONTROL ARRANGEMENT FOR A PROPULSION UNIT FOR A SELF-PROPELLED FLOOR CARE APPLIANCE the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto

☐ was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____ was amended on _____.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which we know to be material to patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a).

We hereby declare that to the best of our knowledge and belief, the invention forming the subject matter of this application has never been known or used in the United States before our invention or discovery thereof; or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention or discovery thereof for more than one year prior to this application; or in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to this application; that said invention or discovery has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate in any country foreign to the United States prior to the date of this application filed by us or our legal representative or assignee more than six months before our application in this country; and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention or discovery has been filed by us or our representative or assignee in any country foreign to the United States except as identified below:

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which the priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

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(number) (Country) (Day/month/year filed)	Yes	No
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(number) (Country) (Day/month/year filed)	Yes	No
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(number) (Country) (Day/month/year filed)	Yes	No

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)
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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

We hereby appoint A. Burgess Lowe, Registration No. 28,322, and Michael J. Corrigan Registration No. 42,440, whose address is 101 East Maple Street, North Canton, Ohio 44720, jointly and severally, our attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent & Trademark Office connected therewith, and we direct that all correspondence be mailed to the said A. Burgess Lowe.

Wherefore we pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and we hereby subscribe our names to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

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